NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE MARICOPA URBAN COUNTY FY 2006 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005-2009 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND THE FY 2004 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

The Maricopa Urban County will hold a public hearing on April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Phoenix, Corporate Center, 3003 North Central Avenue, Lower Level Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen input and comment on the **draft Maricopa Urban County FY 2006 Annual Action Plan (AAP), amendments (if any) to the FY 2005-2009 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (CP), amendments (if any) to the FY2005 AAP, and the FY2004 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The FY 2006 AAP details specific projects that will be implemented to meet the strategies identified in the CP. The FY 2006 AP is for Year 2 of 5 under the CP. The Maricopa Urban County AAP refers primarily to the housing and community development needs, and intended uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Small Cities Transportation Assistance Program (SCTAP), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) resources of the Urban County for FY 2006. The Urban County consists of approximately 11 incorporated cities and towns, 15 unincorporated communities, and the balance of unincorporated Maricopa County.**

For your information, a formal review and comment process on the FY 2006 AAP for the Maricopa HOME Consortium is being executed concurrently. The FY 2006 Maricopa HOME Consortium AAP covers affordable housing, homeless and supportive housing for all members of the Consortium. The Maricopa HOME Consortium consists of Maricopa County, the Town of Gilbert, and the Cities of Avondale, Chandler, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Scottsdale, Surprise and Tempe.

The Maricopa Urban County AAP governs the use of three formula grants and affects the allocation of transportation funds, and public housing certificates and vouchers.

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (FY 2006)

PROPOSED USE OF CDBG FUNDS FOR FY 2006-2007

Maricopa County anticipates receiving \$2,204,564 in CDBG funds for FY 2006 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). On December 16, 2005, Maricopa County Community Development accepted proposals from Urban County cities and towns, unincorporated areas, and nonprofit agencies for the use of these funds in accordance with the priorities set forth in the CP. The following objectives were emphasized during project selection in order to meet the goals of the CDBG program.

- Assistance to low and moderate-income persons
- Prevention or elimination of slum and blight conditions
- Addressing urgent needs detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare

A variety of projects have been proposed for funding by the Maricopa County Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to address the priority needs identified in the CP. These projects include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Buckeye	Waterline Improvements	\$300,000
E.V. Child Crisis Center	Shelter Expansion	50,000
El Mirage	Water Improvement II	450,000
Gila Bend	Water System Improvements	436,891
Goodyear	Water Line Replacement	350,000
Guadalupe	Sende Vista Sidewalks	200,000
Wickenburg	Coffinger Park Improvements	100,000
Youngtown	Park Improvements	373,288
Urban County	Grant Administration	433,912

^{*}Amounts include \$496,528 of CDBG Contingency Funds

Completion of all projects is subject to the availability of funds. At least 80% of the proposed FY 2006 projects funded under the CDBG Program will benefit low and moderate-income persons. It is anticipated that no displacement of persons will occur as a result of the FY 2006 CDBG-assisted activities. Should displacement occur, Maricopa County shall implement the proposed activities in accordance with 24 CFR 570.606 and its Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Maricopa County Community Development intends to submit the FY 2006 AAP for approval to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development by May 15, 2006.

PROPOSED USE OF SMALL CITIES TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCTAP) FUNDS FOR FY 2006-2007

The Maricopa Urban County anticipates receiving approximately \$500,000 in SCTAP funds for FY 2006 from the Maricopa County Transportation Department. On February 17, 2006, Maricopa County Community Development accepted proposals from Urban County cities and towns for the use of these funds in accordance with the priorities set forth in the CP.

A variety of projects have been proposed for funding by the Maricopa County Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to address the priority needs identified in the CP. These projects include:

Location	Activity	SCTAP Allocation
Guadalupe	Street Improvements	\$167,363
Tolleson	Street Hump Program	\$140,437
Youngtown	Street Improvements	\$192,200

PROPOSED USE OF HOME/ADDI FUNDS FOR FY 2006-2007

The Maricopa Urban County anticipates receiving approximately \$711,284 in HOME funds and approximately \$17,565 in ADDI funds for FY 2006 from HUD. On December 16, 2005, Maricopa County Community Development accepted proposals from Urban County cities and towns, unincorporated areas, and nonprofit agencies for the use of these funds in accordance with the priorities set forth in the CP. The following objective was emphasized during project selection in order to meet the goals of the HOME program.

• Increase the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low and moderate income households

A variety of projects have been proposed for funding by the Maricopa County Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to address the priority needs identified in the 5-Year CP. These projects include:

Location	Activity	HOME Allocation
El Mirage	Housing Rehabilitation	\$210,000
Goodyear	Housing Rehabilitation	90,000
Guadalupe	Single Family New Construction	222,604
Queen Creek	Housing Rehabilitation	105,000
Urban County	Grant Administration	83,680

<u>Location</u> <u>Activity</u> <u>ADDI Allocation</u>
Countywide First Time Homebuyer Program* \$ 17,565

PROPOSED USE OF ESG FUNDS FOR FY 2006-2007

Approximately **\$123,605** in FY 2006 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds is expected to be available to Maricopa County Human Services. Maricopa County Human Services intends to commit approximately thirty percent (30%) of its annual available ESG resources for homeless prevention via short-term rental support coupled with needed support services to persons "at risk", while committing the balance of available ESG funds to support shelter operations costs for either transitional or emergency facilities in Maricopa County serving homeless families.

^{*}Amount includes prior-year ADDI funds

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2005-2009 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

- City of El Mirage revisions to priorities, goals and objectives.
- Town of Queen Creek revisions to goals and objectives
- Other amendments as may be highlighted in the draft FY 2006 AAP.

AMENDMENTS TO FY2005 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

- Reallocation \$79,156 from prior years funding to the Youngtown Street Lighting project.
- Reallocation \$496,528 from the cancellation of the Downtown Homeless Campus activity and from prior years funding to various current year proposed activities.
- Other amendments as may be highlighted in the draft FY 2006 AAP.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2004 CAPER

None.

CONTENT OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD

The agenda for the public hearing to be held on April 12, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. will include, but not be limited to, the following items.

- Anticipated CDBG resources of \$2,204,564 that will be made available within the region.
 Federal CDBG funds may be used for a wide variety of purposes including residential development, public facilities, infrastructure, public services, code enforcement, economic development activities, redevelopment efforts, planning, etc.
- Anticipated SCTAP resources of \$500,000 that will be made available within the region. SCTAP funds may be used for urban county city and town street projects.
- Anticipated HOME/ADDI resources of \$728,849 that will be made available within the region.
 HOME/ADDI funds may be used for a variety of affordable housing activities, including acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation for low and very low income people.
- Anticipated ESG resources of \$123,605 that will be made available within the region. Federal
 ESG grants may be used for homeless prevention activities, for the renovation or conversion
 of buildings, for emergency/transitional homeless facilities, or for essential social services and
 operational costs for homeless providers.
- Estimates associated with the number of very low and low income persons residing within the service area that are anticipated to benefit from CDBG, HOME/ADDI and ESG resources secured in FY 2006.
- Plans by Maricopa County Community Development to minimize the displacement of persons from the intended uses of CDBG, HOME/ADDI and ESG resources anticipated to be invested during FY 2006 and efforts to assist any such persons displaced.
- A summary of performance for FY 2004.
- A review of the contents of the draft FY 2006 Maricopa Urban County AAP and solicitation of written or verbal public comments on the draft.
- Amendments to the Maricopa Urban County FY 2005-2009 CP (if any).
- Amendments to the Maricopa Urban County FY 2005 AP (if any).

ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED AND PLACES TO SECURE COPIES OR REVIEW THE PLAN

Copies of the Maricopa Urban County draft FY 2006 AAP, amendments (if any) to the FY 2005-2009 CP and FY 2005 AAP, and the FY 2004 CAPER, will be available for formal review and comment from March 27, 2006 to April 28, 2006 at the following locations: (Maricopa County office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.)

- Maricopa County Community Development, 3003 North Central, Suite 1040, Phoenix, AZ
- Maricopa County George L. Campbell Branch Library, 17811 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ

- Maricopa County Branch Library, 14010 N. El Mirage Road, El Mirage, AZ
- Maricopa County Branch Library, 9401 S. 51st Avenue, Laveen, AZ
- Maricopa County Branch Library, 22407 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ
- Maricopa County Public Housing Authority, 2024 N. 7th Street, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ

Summaries of the draft AAP may also be accessed on the Internet at www.maricopa.gov/comm_dev.

Comments on the draft documents should be directed to Jim Prante, Director, Maricopa County Community Development, 3003 North Central, Suite 1040, Phoenix, AZ 85012, phone number (602) 240-2210, fax (602) 240-6960, email jprante@mccd.maricopa.gov. Hearing impaired persons please use the Arizona Relay Service number 711, or TDD/TTY (602) 240-6956.

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